







## GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY,  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE, FRANKFORT, KY.,  
December 4, 1865.

Gentlemen of the Senate  
and House of Representatives:

Through the overrulings of a benevolent Providence, to whom we owe profound and reverent thankfulness, we are now blessed with the auspicious return of peace over a united country and a restored Government. The dark clouds of rebellion and war, which long overcast our country, obscured with the smoke of terrific conflict and bloody battle the stars-gems of sister States of the Union, have broken away, and, one by one, their light again appears in the galaxy of the United States. The nation is now in harmony, to illumine the pathway of our great and free people in the grand progress of nationality.

Every prompting of patriotism commands us to give our united and individual aid to promote and forward that complete and glorious restoration which is to our progress and happiness, which has so unfortunately disturbed.

The passions and prejudices evoked by the conflict should be cast away, and dispassionate, prudent, and wise counsels be pursued.

It is the duty of all, the demands distract and disconcert, and considerate statesmanship, and the banishment from Executive Chambers and the Legislative Halls of all partisans, all temporizing expedients for party ends, and all captious oppositions to inevitable results.

From the report of the Inspector General, herewith transmitted, you will perceive that our schools have been organized under the provisions of the Constitution.

The Kentucky Legislature, in an act entitled "An act to organize the militia of Kentucky," approved March 4th, 1865.

The experiment of diffusing a proper understanding as to the intent and objects of this organization has been an obstacle to the patriotic determination to so shape your action as to promote the highest and best interests of our beloved State, it affords me pleasure to lay before you such facts bearing upon the state of the Commonwealth as are of importance to your present assembly.

In giving a view of the state of the Commonwealth, it is necessary, in order to a proper appreciation of our present favorable condition, that you should have a sympathetic statesman, and our connection with the great struggle for the maintenance of constitutional existence.

Official returns from the various counties of the State show that at the commencement of the rebellion, and before our population was disturbed by the removal of the first of the year 1861, the white males between the ages of the age of twenty-one years numbered 191,391; and white males between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years, called "Enlisted Militia," numbered 137,211. The returns at the commencement of the present year, show a considerable diminution since the commencement of the war. The returns for the present year give the number of males over twenty-one years at 169,749, and between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years at 103,401. This diminution is accounted for by the fact that at the time of taking the lists, of our soldiers in the armies, and by the fact that, according to the best and most reliable estimates, about 15,000 to 20,000 of our population left for the rebel armies.

The enrollment of 1863 by the United States authorities of white males between the ages of twenty and forty-five years numbered 112,742, and in 1864 numbered 113,410. The enrollment of "colored" males between the ages twenty and forty-five years, called "Enlisted Militia," numbered 133,463.

The muster rolls in the office of the Adjutant General show that we furnished to the Federal armies—most of them three years' men—63,200 white soldiers against an enrollment of 113,410. The rolls in the same office show the muster-in of 20,482 "colored" troops; and other evidences of enrollment of 5,000 more were enlisted, but not yet reported to that office by master rolls, making an aggregate colored troops of 25,482.

The increase in the number of colored troops above the enrollment is attributable to the fact that regard was not had to age in their enlistment. "Color" was regarded as sufficient qualification.

It will be seen that, with a white and black population of 113,410, the ages of twenty and forty-five years amounting to 133,742, we contributed 89,413 to the armies.

Besides the hundreds of Home Guards engaged in local defense throughout the period of the rebellion, we also had in the State service, for various periods, 13,526 militia and State troops, paid and subsisted by the State.

These facts and figures amply vindicate the devoted loyalty of our people, and are a sufficient answer to the stereotyped slanders so skillfully urged in the quarters of the "newspaper" holding.

Having, with steady and unflinching hand, the dangerous and exposed position of a loyal border State during the rebellion, we have at the same time furnished our full proportion of the defenders of our Union, failing not in the allings of sectional sympathy, and the unjust buffeting from those who professed to be friends.

Ours was not the loyalty which draws its subsistence from promised profit, and its courage from distant danger, but that unshaken devotion which needs no proof of our present or past dangers could overcome.

Steady and unshaken as our eternal hills in our fidelity to the Union—upward and unchecked as our everlasting streams—flowed the resistless current of Kentucky's loyalty, embosomed with the spirit of her sons.

During the pendency of the war our State expended, in aid of the Government in the prosecution of the war, and for which we hold vouchers against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,230 77; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,230 77. This leaves in favor of the State against the Government of the United States, the sum of \$8,269,229.85, of which we have received payment in amount securities, which amounted the place of money, of \$1,651,000, and from other means \$57,23